

pending corrective action by the grantee. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may allow necessary and proper costs that the grantee could not reasonably avoid during the period of suspension provided they are for eligible HPG purposes. In the event of termination, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may allow necessary and reasonable costs for an audit.

(c) Grantees will have the opportunity to appeal a suspension or termination under FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354's appeal procedures under subpart B of part 1900 of this chapter.

(d) The grantee will complete the closeout procedures as specified in the grant agreement.

(e) The grantee will have an audit performed upon termination or completion of the project in accordance with 7 CFR parts 3015 and 3016, as applicable. As part of its final report, the grantee will address and resolve all audit findings.

§ 1944.689 Long-term monitoring by grantee.

(a) The grantee is required to perform long-term monitoring on any housing preservation program involving rental properties and co-ops. This monitoring shall be at least on an annual basis and shall consist of, at a minimum, the following:

(1) All requirements noted in § 1944.663 of this subpart;

(2) All requirements of the "ownership agreement" executed between the grantee and the rental property owner or co-op; and

(3) All requirements noted in 7 CFR parts 3015 and 3016 during the effective period of the grant agreement.

(b) The grantee is required to make available to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 any such information as requested by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 concerning the above. The grantee shall submit to the FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 servicing office an annual report every year while the ownership agreement is in effect. This report shall be submitted within 15

days after the anniversary date or end of the grant agreement. At a minimum, the report will consist of a statement that the grantee is in compliance with this subpart.

(c) All files pertaining to such rental property owner or co-op shall be kept separate and shall be maintained for a period of 3 years after the termination date of the ownership agreement.

§ 1944.690 Exception authority.

The Administrator of FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 may, in individual cases, make an exception to any requirements of this subpart not required by the authorizing statute if the Administrator finds that application of such requirement would adversely affect the interest of the Government, or adversely affect the accomplishment of the purposes of the HPG program, or result in undue hardship by applying the requirement. The Administrator or the Assistant Administrator for Housing may exercise this exception authority at the request of the State Director. The request must be supported by information demonstrating the adverse impact, citing the particular requirement involved, recommending proper alternative course(s) of action, and outlining how the adverse impact could be mitigated. Exception to any requirement may also be initiated by the Assistant Administrator for Housing.

§§ 1944.691-1944.699 [Reserved]

§ 1944.700 OMB control number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for the information collection in this subpart is 0575-0115.

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**EXHIBIT A TO SUBPART N OF PART 1944—
HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
AGREEMENT**

This Agreement dated _____ is between _____ (name), _____ (address), (grantee), organized and operating under _____ (authorizing State statute), and the United States of America acting through the Farmers Home